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Left to right: Hawpe, Price

Hawpe, Price named MSU Regents

Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed attorney Patrick E. Price of Flemingsburg and former newspaper editor David V. Hawpe of Louisville to six-year terms on the Morehead State University Board of Regents.

Price and Hawpe succeed Dr. John O'Cull of Vanceburg and Jill Rose of Winchester, both of whom had served since 2004. "We are pleased to welcome Patrick Price and David Hawpe to our governing board and look forward to working with them in the years ahead," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

A graduate of MSU and the UK College of Law, Price has been assistant Fleming County attorney since 1975 and a member of Suit, McCartney, Price, Price and Ruark law firm since 1974.

Price is a member of the Kentucky and Fleming County bar associations, Fleming County's Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce and Buffalo Trace Foundation.

Hawpe retired in 2009 as vice president and editorial director after a 40-year career with the Louisville Courier-Journal. During his time with the newspaper, the C-J and Hawpe received numerous awards.

In his tenure as state editor, the newspaper won a Pulitzer Prize. Born in Pikeville and raised in Louisville, Hawpe is a graduate of UK. A Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, he taught a course in Appalachian studies. He also taught at UK, University of Louisville and Spalding University.

Lindsay Rae Adkins, Ashland junior and Student Government Association president, also will join the board as the student member.

Dr. Henneberg releases new book

In her new book, MSU's Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, associate professor of English, reveals how May Sarton and Adrienne Rich have critically evaluated and embraced their roles as elder poets and "creative crones"—and in doing so, offer a powerful resistance to age discrimination.

"The Creative Crone: Aging and the Poetry of May Sarton and Adrienne Rich" highlights new dimensions in the works of both writers: one deeply engaged with aging but often overlooked by scholars, the other a prominent poet and feminist but not generally thought of in the context of aging.

Dr. M. Scott McBride named dean

MSU announced that Dr. M. Scott McBride has been named dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. He had served as interim dean since July 2008.

"Dr. McBride did a fine job as interim dean. I appreciate all that he accomplished during that time and look forward to working with him as we move both the College and MSU forward," said Dr. Karla Hughes, provost.

McBride came to MSU in July 2003 as chair of the Department of Music.

Dr. McBride, who holds the title of professor of music, came to MSU from the University of West Georgia where he served as department chair and professor of music. He is a former director of bands at Jacksonville State University in Alabama and associate director of bands and coordinator of music education at California State University, Fresno.

An Ohio native, Dr. McBride attended Kent State University, where he earned the Bachelor of Music degree in music education (1976) and the Master of Music degree in performance (1978). In 1990, he completed requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in music education from the University of Oklahoma.

Before pursuing a university teaching career, he taught instrumental music, elementary through high school, in Ohio's public schools.

McBride, and his wife Jill, MSU's Office of Enrollment Services nontraditional and commuter coordinator, reside in Morehead, with their daughter, Molly.

Dr. O'Keefe featured in 'Discover'

Dr. Jen O'Keefe, MSU assistant professor of science, was among the coal scientists featured in the story "Earth on Fire" which appeared in the July/August 2010 issue of Discover magazine. Also featured were collaborators Jim Hower of the University of Kentucky, Mark Engle of the U.S. Geological Survey, Glenn Stracher of East Georgia College, and colleague Anupma Prakash of the University of Alaska.

Author Kris Ohlson accompanied O'Keefe and Hower on a January 2010 trip to a coal mine fire in east Kentucky. Ohlson visited the Centralia fire in Pennsylvania and interviewed other scientists about other fires in the U.S. and other countries.

For the last year, Dr. O'Keefe has been leading a team of scientists and students in the study of coal fires in east Kentucky. The group has been applying techniques commonly used by volcanologists to quantify greenhouse and hydrocarbon gas emissions produced by the fires.

The team is part of a larger effort to determine the overall contribution of coal fires to the North American greenhouse gas budget.

NASA uses MSU's tracking antenna

NASA used the 21-meter tracking antenna at Morehead State University to successfully characterize the higher of two radar frequencies of the LRO/Mini-RF instrument.

Mini-RF is a synthetic aperture radar (SAR) currently investigating the Moon's surface aboard the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO). LRO was launched on June 18, 2009 and is using its seven instruments to explore the Moon from a 50-kilometer (31 mile) polar orbit.

Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences and the project lead for MSU, describes the LRO calibration experiment as an incredible opportunity for Kentucky Space to participate in NASA's on going investigation of the Moon. Prior to the May Mini-RF/LRO test, students and staff at MSU and APL staff spent several months preparing the 21-meter ground station by using radio sources (stars) to calibrate and improve its pointing accuracy.

"Improving our pointing calibration will help increase our precision at all frequencies and expand our capabilities. We have pushed the 21-m to new precision and have learned much about its capabilities (in addition to developing new capabilities at X-band)," said Dr. Malphrus.

Rogers announces \$750,000 for MSU

U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-05) announced June 11 that Morehead State University will be awarded \$750,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission to equip and furnish the University's Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER).

This award will enable MSU to recruit and train current and future health care professionals with state-of-the-art imaging and medical equipment.

The CHER building came about through a partnership of MSU, the University of Kentucky and St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

"MSU and Rowan County are leading our region and the nation in high-tech science and medical education," said Rogers. "The healthcare needs of our region are no secret and our local communities will benefit from Morehead's work to teach and train future professionals in the health care industry. I continue to be impressed with the Appalachian Regional Commission's partnership with our local colleges and universities in bringing high quality education opportunities to our region. I offer high praise to the MSU faculty, board, and President Wayne Andrews for their hard work to take advantage of these opportunities."

Kentucky and the nation are facing an increased demand for radiographers and nurses. To accommodate the expanding need for trained health professionals MSU and partners are constructing a \$30 million facility to house the Nursing and Imaging Science departments, as well as a family practice clinic operated by St. Claire Regional Medical Center and UK's Physician Assistant and Rural Medicine programs.

The ARC funding, combined with \$2.8 million from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, will replace obsolete equipment in the nursing and imaging science programs with state-of-the-art simulators, diagnostic equipment, and associated furnishings which will greatly improve the level of training that can be provided to students in these programs. Morehead State expects at least 150 students to graduate from these programs each year during the next three years.

Ribbon cutting for the CHER building is slated for Aug. 27.

Regan named to HIE coordinating council

Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) A. Regan, Elmer and Donna Smith Endowed Chair in Health Systems Management and director of the Institute for Health Systems Innovation and Research, has been named to a two-year term to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Coordinating Council.

The KY-HIECC will advise and assist the Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information in developing the guiding principles, policies and procedures that will underscore the administration and operation of the KHIE and the advancement of health information exchange across the Commonwealth.

**Choirs enjoy successful foreign tour**

After eight days of bridging cultural gaps with songs and smiles, Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers returned home from a tour of Hungary and Austria. A total of 45 undergraduate and graduate singers participated on the tour.

Mayo named cheer coach

Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Brian Hutchinson announced that Bill Mayo has been named head cheer coach.

He will oversee all aspects of the national champion Morehead State all-girl and coed cheerleading teams. Mayo also will be responsible for oversight of the mascot program (Beaker) and will assist with the dance team and other spirit-related duties.

Hodges named women's basketball coach

MSU announced that Tom Hodges has been named the ninth women's basketball coach at a press conference held in the Academic-Athletic Center. With his hiring, Hodges becomes the youngest head coach in Division I.

A 27-year-old Shelbyville, Tenn., native, Hodges has spent the past five years at Middle Tennessee State University, including the last two as an on-court assistant to head coach Rick Insell.